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# Georgia Southern included in EDsmart's list of 30 Most Affordable Online Master's Programs

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EDsmart, a nationally recognized publisher of college resources and rankings, has included Georgia Southern University on its 2018-2019 edition of the Most Affordable Online Master's Programs.

Georgia Southern earned the 26th spot on the list for its online master's degree programs, which range from business and technology to education and healthcare.

"The programs that made our list not only offer affordable opportunities for master's degrees, they also stand as examples of commitment to their students," said Tyson Stevens, managing editor at EDsmart. "Prospective students can choose from a range of options to continue their education. The affordable online master's programs rankings and data are a great starting point for applicants to find the program that's the best fit for them academically and financially. In addition, most of these schools offer additional financial aid by way of scholarships, fellowships and loans."

Georgia Southern was one of only six universities in the state to be included in the list. Other schools in Georgia included were the University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University, Kennesaw State University, Georgia College and State University and Columbus State University.

EDsmart's ranking of most affordable online master's programs is the most comprehensive and well-rounded to date. The ranking includes only fully accredited schools that offer a master's program online. Rankings are based solely on average in-state graduate student tuition as published in the National Center for Education Statistics database.

## About EDsmart

EDsmart reviews publicly available data to produce independent ranking assessments of various educational programs, in addition to student guides and resources. The site is regularly updated by a committed team of writers and researchers, who produce college rankings and resources that will help prospective and current college students get into, pay for and thrive at the college of their choice.

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# Georgia Southern and Hinesville Development Authority to build business incubator, funded by \$1.5 million in grants

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Designing and launching a new business can be difficult. Georgia Southern University will soon provide expanded resources for entrepreneurs in Hinesville with the addition of a new business incubator.

On Sept. 7, Georgia Southern and the Hinesville Development Authority were co-awarded a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) to help fund the construction a business incubator, which will be led by Georgia Southern's Business Innovation Group (BIG). The organization connects start-ups with industry and faculty experts to assist in various stages of business, while providing university student interns hands-on experience to see what it takes to start a business.

The Hinesville Development Authority is providing an additional \$750,000 grant, bringing the total to \$1.5 million in support for the business incubator, which will support overall growth to the area.

"I applaud the Hinesville Development Authority and City Manager Kenneth Howard on their steadfast vision and determination for helping Hinesville residents in starting and growing their business," said BIG Director Dominique Halaby. "As such, I am excited to begin working with them to successfully execute that vision and to make this incubator a reality."

The Hinesville incubator will be adjacent to a new public library and within close proximity to Georgia Southern's Liberty Campus. Made possible by the Coastal Regional Commission's regional planning efforts, the new facility will house approximately 5,000 square feet to accommodate 12 new business clients.

"We commend the city of Hinesville for creating new opportunities for the community to grow and thrive," said EDA Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs Dennis Alvord. "This project will help strengthen the local economy by providing a facility where entrepreneurs can develop new businesses."

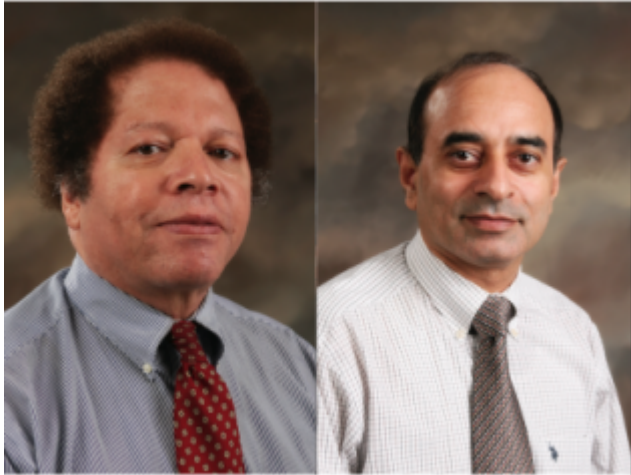
BIG is committed to developing a vibrant entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem for southeast Georgia. Through innovative and entrepreneurial thinking, BIG assists local communities in crafting an ecosystem that will encourage business start-ups and job creation activities. By creating these opportunities, business incubators provide physical and developmental benefits to local entrepreneurs.

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# New administrator appointments in Georgia Southern's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

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*Joseph Telfair, DrPH, has been appointed associate dean for Practice and Research and Gulzar Shah, Ph.D., MStat, MS, has been appointed chair of the Department of Health Policy and Community Health in Georgia Southern's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health*

Georgia Southern University's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) is pleased to announce that Joseph Telfair, DrPH, has been appointed associate dean for Practice and Research and Gulzar Shah, Ph.D., MStat, MS, has been appointed chair of the Department of Health Policy and Community Health.

"I am very excited about these appointments," said JPHCOPH Dean Greg Evans. "They should help us better serve our students and move to the next level of recognition in both the University system and among other schools of public health."

As the Karl E. Peace Distinguished Chair of Public Health, Telfair brings more than 32 years of international experience as a clinician, community advocate, academic, researcher and academic administrator. He is widely known for his focus on practice-based, evidence-driven public health in the areas of social work, social epidemiology, cultural and linguistic competency, public health genetics, elimination of

health inequities, disparities and systemic poverty, community-based and rural public health practice, program evaluation, and policy issues concerning women, adolescents and persons in underserved areas.

He has been a public health faculty member and leader in three schools of public health for nearly 26 years. In addition, he has been a principal investigator, co-principal investigator, co-director or director of a number of Health Resources and Services Administration, National Institutes of Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, foundation and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded training, evaluation or research programs, and applied research and coordinating centers.

As the 2017-18 president of the American Public Health Association, Telfair takes a leader-as-servant approach, believing leadership is a unique and privileged opportunity to serve. He holds a master of social work and master of public health from the University of California at Berkeley and a DrPH from Johns Hopkins University.

Shah is a prolific researcher who won Georgia Southern's 2016 Award for Excellence in Research. He has interdisciplinary training and his multi-sector work experience spans over 19 years, with national and international appointments in academia and public health practice agencies. Prior to joining JPHCOPH, he was the lead research scientist at the National Association of County and City Health Departments and the director of research at the

National Association of Health Data Organization. He also served at the Utah State Department of Health for six years, contributing significantly to patient safety and informatics projects, and maternal and child health and systems research. Shah's research interests include data improvement; practice-based public health services and systems research; eHealth and public health informatics; and public health finances. He earned a Ph.D. in sociology with emphasis on demography and sociology of health from Utah State University.

The JPHCOPH recently launched two new degree programs — bachelor of science in public health and master of public health — on the Armstrong Campus. These programs join the BSPH, MPH and DrPH programs on the Statesboro campus, continuing to build a premier program as an accredited public health college at Georgia Southern. The mission of the JPHCOPH is to improve health, eliminate health disparities and health inequities of rural communities and underserved populations globally through excellence in teaching, public health workforce development, research, scholarship, professional service and community engagement.

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# Georgia Southern University celebrates Latino Heritage Month

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Georgia Southern University's Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) is pleased to announce the schedule for the 2018 Latino Heritage Month Celebration, featuring a series of lectures, performances and more. Latino Heritage Month is from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and celebrates the history, culture and contributions of Latino community.

Most events will take place on the Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty campuses and are free and open to the public. Highlighted events include:

## Heritage Display Contest

**Statesboro Campus: Russell Union Commons**

**Sept. 10-Oct. 3**

Students are invited to submit an original tri-fold poster to the OMA within the contest period. Each poster must include information about a Hispanic country's people, geography, location, economy, music and food. The contest is

limited to 15 participants who will be provided with tri-fold poster boards, glue sticks, border, coloring utensils and board paper (upon availability). A panel of three judges will rank the entries based on content, creativity and design, with the three highest-scoring posters taking home cash prizes. Winners will be announced during [Lotería Game Night](#) on Oct. 3. For information on submission deadlines and contest rules, visit [here](#).

**Tuesday, Sept. 18, 5-8 p.m.**

### **Flag Parade**

#### **Statesboro Campus: Russell Union Rotunda**

In partnership with the Association of Latin American Students, the parade of flags from Hispanic/Latin countries will be carried by participants beginning at Lakeside Dining Commons through the Pedestrium to the Russell Union Rotunda. A mini festival including presentations, Independence Day acknowledgements, music, dancing and food will take place at the Rotunda following the parade.

**Thursday, Sept. 20, 6 p.m.**

#### **Presentation: Frida Kahlo and the Never-Ending Torments of a Mexican Icon in the 21st Century**

##### **Armstrong Campus: Ogeechee Theatre**

Guest speaker Oswaldo Estrada, UNC-Chapel Hill Professor of Latin American Literature, will trace several literary and cultural representations of Frida Kahlo produced in the midst of neoliberalism, gender debates and the widespread commodification of cultural memory in his presentation. Focusing on contemporary literature, corridos, or narratives told in song, and films, the critic interrogates how and why some writers recreate hybrid narratives that fuse history, memory and fiction. In doing so, he reveals the innovative and sometimes troublesome ways in which authors can challenge or perpetuate gendered conventions of writing women's lives.

**Friday, Sept. 21, 8 p.m.**

#### **Film Showing: "Spider Thieves/Niñas Arañas"**

##### **Armstrong Campus: Compass Point Clubhouse Lawn**

##### **\*Rain location: Ogeechee Theatre**

Inspired by actual events, this teenage thriller is a unique social commentary on dreams, class and unfulfilled expectations in contemporary Chile. Three teenage girls from a Santiago shanty town set in motion a plan to climb buildings and plunder expensive apartments. All they want is to have all the cool and trendy stuff they see advertised in TV commercials and department stores. Word spreads and soon enough they became the notorious "spider thieves." This event is presented by the Gracia Roldán Spanish Film Club Festival and sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages-Spanish, Residence Life, International Student Organization and OMA. Shown in Spanish with English subtitles.



**Wednesday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Passport to Latin America**

**Liberty Campus**

Step into the world of three Latin American countries with food, music, games and much more. Join OMA on the Liberty Campus for an afternoon of cultural explosion.

**Thursday, Sept. 27, 12-2 p.m.**

**Fiesta Day**

**Armstrong Campus: Student Union Ballroom**

Continue celebrating Latino Heritage Month with OMA and Hispanic Outreach & Leadership at Armstrong for their annual Fiesta Day. Enjoy authentic Latin American food, music and performances.

**Wednesday, Oct. 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Statesboro)**

**Thursday, Oct. 11, 12-1:30 p.m. (Armstrong)**

**Presentation: Achieving the Dream: A Conversation on Latinx Student Success Statesboro Campus: Russell Union Ballroom**

**Armstrong Campus: Ogeechee Theater**

Join José Cabrales, Ph.D., program director of student success at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, for a series of workshops on Latinx student success inside and outside the classroom. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend to partake in important conversations regarding identity, resources and engagement methods for Latinx students.

**Thursday, Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m.**

**Latino Heritage Celebration Awards Dinner**

**Armstrong Campus: Student Union Ballroom**

The Armstrong Campus will celebrate students, faculty, staff and community leaders who have contributed to advancing the Latino student population at Georgia Southern. This evening will feature guest speaker José Cabrales, Ph.D., program director of student success for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

For more information on the 2018 Latino Heritage Month Celebration, visit <https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/multicultural/diversity-and-inclusion/>.